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Preface

On October 27 and 28, 1998, the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife and the National Marine Fisheries Service brought together scientists, fishery managers, fishing and conservation organizations, and other stakeholders for a snapshot of the issues and facts surrounding the management of introduced and native fishes. This volume contains the papers that were presented by those speakers; a record of the presentations for anyone with a stake in these issues no matter their perspectives.

This symposium was occasioned by increased concern for native fish species, as evidenced by the numerous listings under the Endangered Species Act in the past several years, and the assumed role of introduced, non-indigenous species in many of those listings. *The Oregon Plan for Salmon and Watersheds* identifies the need to examine these issues associated with steelhead and coho salmon, and to take management actions where they are warranted. In order to present a region-wide view of both anadromous and resident fish issues, as well as the associated issues of managing important recreational fisheries on introduced fisheries, this symposium was extended to include states well beyond the scope of the *Oregon Plan*. Speakers from throughout the West presented views and findings.

Both the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife and the National Marine Fisheries Service will consider the papers presented here as they develop and implement policy direction for responding to the issues which occasioned this meeting. At issue is recovery of native fish species and the future of many fisheries on introduced species. The issues are complex, and the risks and remedies are often uncertain. We urge that stakeholders review the material presented here and participate in the public hearings of the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission and review of NMFS documents on these vital questions.

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